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	First Named Inventor	James B. Gibson
	Art Unit	3721
	Examiner Name	Louis K. Huynh
	Attorney Docket Number	GIBSON 1

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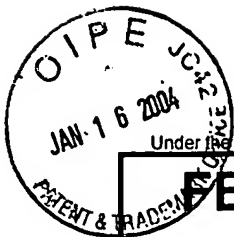
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